



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Wildlife Rehabilitation

Principle Veterinarian Agreement

All Washington Wildlife Rehabilitators are required to have a Principle Veterinarian who oversees veterinary care and to submit this agreement to the WDFW Wildlife Rehabilitation Manager with the Permit Application.

Name of Applicant or licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator:

Wildlife Rehabilitation Facility Name:

Wildlife Rehabilitation Facility Address:

Principle Veterinarian Name:

WA DVM Lic #:

Hospital or Clinic Name:

Hospital or Clinic Address:

Telephone Number:

Email:

Veterinary Services Information *

Please list the types of services you are willing to provide to the Applicant or Wildlife Rehabilitator or are willing to provide assistance with (e.g., physical exam, initial stabilization, dispensing medication, surgery, radiology, euthanasia, training, etc.). You are not obligated to provide these services forever; please keep communications open with your Wildlife Rehabilitator.

What, if any, wildlife species are you not willing to handle, assist with, or provide services for?

I agree to act as Principle Veterinarian in assisting and directing the licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator in wildlife rehabilitation activities and lawfully provide prescription medication, euthanasia solution, and immobilization drugs as per DEA and Board of Pharmacy laws and regulations. I have reviewed with the applicant or licensed wildlife rehabilitator the Discussion Points outlined on the reverse of this agreement. Please check off the items in the Discussion Points table as you review those points.

I further agree to the following:

- 1) To approve necessary prescription medications
- 2) Provide reportable disease diagnostic procedures and diagnoses.
- 3) Wildlife suffering and unlikely to recover must be humanely euthanized as soon as possible.
- 4) It shall be unlawful to provide wildlife care that impairs the successful release of animals back to the wild.

Signatures

Principle Veterinarian Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant/Wildlife Rehabilitator Signature _____ Date _____

Note: This agreement does NOT authorize the Principle Veterinarian to act as a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Unless a veterinarian holds a WDFW Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit, wildlife must be transferred to a wildlife rehabilitator upon stabilization. A Principle Veterinarian is not required to provide any services, supplies, or medications pro bono but may elect to do so. Those signing this agreement must abide by the laws and regulations governing the practice of veterinary medicine and wildlife rehabilitation in Washington State.

Discussion Points for establishing a contract with your principal veterinarian for your Washington State Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit. **Please place a check mark** next to the item when finished discussing.

1. Goods and materials your veterinarian is willing to provide.	2. Goods and materials your veterinarian is willing to provide pro bono.
3. Estimated or approximate amount of time and when your veterinarian might be available for you.	4. Procedures and services* your veterinarian is willing to perform (radiographs, hematology, fracture management, surgery, lab work, etc.) and costs to you, if any.
5. Wildlife species your veterinarian will and will not handle.	6. Wildlife species for which your veterinarian has sufficient medical and care knowledge, or feels comfortable and capable providing care for.
7. Types of phone consultation.	8. Willingness to come to your facility.
9. Arrangements for bringing wildlife to the clinic or not (appointment only, emergency, midnight calls, etc.).	10. How wildlife should be brought into the clinic (back door, after hours only, etc. - wildlife should not be brought through the public front door if possible).
11. Housing facilities for wildlife at the clinic to minimize stress (noise, foot traffic, proximity to predators, etc.); and contact with domestics.	12. Follow up care protocols, record keeping and communications.
13. Protocols and agreements on euthanasia and carcass disposal. Agree in advance on a process of how you and your veterinarian will make euthanasia decisions.	14. A veterinarian must diagnose and provide treatment protocol for all Reportable Diseases (this list is provided to the Wildlife Rehabilitator).

***Examples of services and procedures provided by Principle Veterinarians:**

Physical Exam	Initial Diagnosis
Initial Stabilization	Reportable Disease Diagnosis (Required)
Prescription Drugs	Dispensing Medication
Agree to arrange for Controlled Drugs (Required if controlled drugs are to be administered)	Euthanasia
Administering Medication	Follow-up Exams
Radiology	Lab Work
Surgery (Required if surgery is anticipated)	Fracture Stabilization
Rehabilitation Facility Site Visits	Necropsy
Carcass Disposal	Training

- Any licensed veterinarian may render emergency care and treatment to sick or injured wildlife but any such wildlife shall be transferred to a licensed rehabilitator within 24 - 48 hours.
- Any licensed veterinarian may euthanize injured wildlife if no other reasonable action would be humane or effective.
- Any licensed veterinarian euthanizing wildlife using chemical agents must provide for appropriate burial, incineration or other lawful disposition.

Return this form with your Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Application to:

Wildlife Rehabilitation Manager

WDFW

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